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1. While [redacted] ship was waiting for a pilot off Riga on 12 May 1955 between 0530 and 1100, six submarines and 20 small surface warships emerged from the harbor. Each of the surface vessels was about 65 feet long and had one gun on the foredeck and a canvas covered, cylindrical object on the quarterdeck. 25X1
2. Of these 20 vessels, 19 of them proceeded north immediately upon clearing the harbor. Initially they were in a line ahead formation but they changed to a line abreast formation, which they maintained. The remaining surface vessel, which was towing a target, proceeded to a point south of the harbor entrance where it anchored. 25X1
3. The submarines proceeded straight out into the bay and disappeared. One of them was of an old type. [redacted] They had no guns on the foredeck. [redacted] It looked new and was of a more modern type than the others. It was 170 feet long. A small gun was mounted forward of the conning tower and a larger one, aft of the conning tower. The latter could be trained laterally in a horizontal embrasure. 25X1
4. Just inside the harbor entrance on the south side near Dinnamunde, a destroyer of an old type with pennant number 450 lay at anchor. It was undergoing repair. It was red-loaded in several places.
5. Nearby, on shore, were 50 small ships of the same type as the 20 described above.
6. During the 24 hours that [redacted] ship was in the harbor, no jet fighters were seen either on the ground or in the air, but engine noise believed to be jet testing was heard emanating from the field on several occasions. The only air traffic observed was two or three conventional aircraft. 25X1
7. The inspections upon arrival and departure were quite casual. There was no formation on deck nor any search of the ship. Only cameras and the radio were sealed during the stay in port.

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